



# ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I resent your sarcastic reply to "California Yell for Help," the woman who lashed out at the surgeon who removed her friend's healthy breast. According to you, it simply could not have happened. You said all surgeons must do a biopsy first and that no reputable physician would perform such an operation unless the biopsy showed a malignancy. You as much as called the woman a liar.

May I direct your attention to the word "reputable." I would not argue the point that the majority of physicians are reasonably honest, some are even highly principled, and a few are totally dedicated, but that still leaves a number of knife-hungry, money-hungry scoundrels, not to mention chronic alcoholics who bury their mistakes and no one is any the wiser.

So please, Ann Landers, don't try to give the public the impression that every physician who hangs out a shingle is a paragon of virtue, incapable of error. Tell it like it is—CALLING DR. KILDARE.

Dear Calling: There are incompetents, phonies and bad actors in every field, and the medical profession is no exception. Unfortunately, when a physician is unscrupulous or botches a job someone becomes severely ill or dies.

I know of no profession, however, that does such a conscientious job of policing its own members. Peer approval among physicians is of utmost importance. Medical organizations, county, state and national, are persistent and diligent in their fight against charlatans and quacks. Medical standards are constantly being elevated by Medical Audit Committees in the nation's hospitals. Additional safeguards are provided by tightening the requirements for hospital certification involving total patient care.

When one considers that before the Abraham Flexner report in 1910, "doctors" in some states were permitted to practice medicine by virtue of a certificate purchased for as little as \$5, I say the medical profession has made enormous strides. All professions should do as well.

Dear Ann Landers: I am being married in April and have asked five friends to be bridesmaids. One of the bridesmaids says it's stupid to spend \$35 for a dress that she can copy for one third the price. She has announced that she is going to make her dress. I have seen some of the dresses she has whipped up on her sewing machine and they look very "homemade." Also, it's impossible to match fabrics and her dress is bound to look different from the others.

My mother suggests I tell her that if she can't afford to buy the dress I will understand and excuse her from being in the wedding party.

This girl has been a good friend for 15 years I want to keep her friendship. Help!! — HORRORSVILLE

Dear H'ville: the dress costs \$35. The girl said she can make one like it for one third the price. That means she would save \$23.34 if she made the dress. Offer to pay the difference in the interest of "uniformity." Her friendship is worth \$23.34, isn't it?

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter has been married for two years to a so-called Southern gentleman who is still calling me "Hey You." It would please me if he called me Mother or I'd gladly settle for "Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_" or even Betty, but this "Hey You" is getting on my nerves.

I'd like to tell him in a subtle way to change his salutation. How should I do it? — ARKANSAS TRANSPLANT

Dear Transplant: Why be subtle with a lumox? Tell him you've had enough of the "Hey You" and if he doesn't want to call you Betty, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ will do.



THE BLAIR DYNASTY . . . Three members of one family have practically taken over politics on the North High campus. Kent (right) 18, is student body president, while Debbie, 16, serves as vice president of the junior class. Don, (seated) is freshman class president. Two more Blairs are waiting in the wings—they are still in elementary school. Kent, Debbie, and Don are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Blair of 2622 W. 180th St.

## North Has Its Own Political Dynasty

Politicking is a family affair for three teenagers in a North Torrance family.

Three of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Blair of 2622 W. 180th Street have cornered the campus political market at North High School.

Eighteen-year-old Kent is student body president; 16-year-old Debbie is vice president of the junior class; and 15-year-old Don is president of the freshman class.

Compared to the Kennedys, and sometimes referred to as "the Blair Dynasty," the Blairs come by their interest in politics through their mother.

"Mother was always active in school politics as a student; and she's worked for her political party and in state politics for as long as we can remember," says Kent.

BESIDES raising five youngsters and dabbling in politics, Mrs. Blair holds down a full-time job as school nurse in the Wiseburn School District. In addition, she is president of the South Bay Area Coordinating Council, Southern Section, CTA.

Her husband, whom the youngsters describe as "the

one who keeps us calm," works as a freight clerk for Southern Pacific Railroad.

How did the Blair youngsters get started in following their mother's footsteps?

"I guess it began with me," says Kent, who will graduate this June. "I tried to be class president in the eighth grade, and lost. Then I tried again for the top class post in both my freshman and sophomore years. After being a three-time loser, I decided to try for the next rung down the political ladder. I discovered it was easier to be elected vice president. So I went that route."

KENT CHALKED up three successful vice presidential campaigns—as vice president of the sophomore class, and as vice president of the student body twice—before aiming at the top political post in the school, student body president.

Perseverance paid off. Debbie, who gives Kent credit for arousing her interest in school politics, served as class treasurer in her sophomore year.

Don credits his political activity to both Kent and Deb-

bie. "Everybody expected it of me," he explains.

During Torrance Junior Citizen Days for the past couple of years, Kent has had a stint at holding down posts at city hall. One year he served as councilman and one year as city clerk.

AS A RESULT of his city hall experiences, Kent has decided to set his career sights on the profession of government. To start his training, he will enroll at El Camino College next fall.

Will there be any additions to the "Blair Dynasty" at North High?

"That will be up to David and Kathy when their turn comes," the others explain. "But they have time. David's only 11 and Kathy is just 10 years old."

### It's 'John' When Votes Are Counted

It took a family vote, but the ninth child of the Harold W. Collins Jr. family now has a name.

John Paul Collins was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital Jan. 24. And he turned out to be a real bonus baby!

Eight other Collins children have been born at the hospital, so the hospital assumed all regular costs for the baby's care. "It was delightful having Mrs. Collins with us again," Mrs. Viola Anderson, director of nursing commented.

Most excited member of the Collins family when the new boy arrived was Harold, until now the youngest at 6. Now, he says, he has someone he can push around.

Mrs. Collins said the new son, John, keeps them in a tie with the family pet — Honey Bun — who recently gave birth to nine puppies.

The other Collins children are Michael, 15; Mary Ann, 13; Cathy, 12; Steve, 11; Chris, 9; and twins Danny and Tom, 8. The family lives at 4456 W. 238th St.

### Elderly Man Ends Own Life

A gunshot wound through the head ended the life of an elderly Torrance man Saturday afternoon. Torrance police report that Milton M. McManaway, 81, of 2108 Cabrillo Ave., died shortly after being rushed to Harbor General Hospital.

Cause of death was listed as possible suicide. The victim's grandson, Ronald Bryning, said his grandfather had been despondent over ill health.

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## College Leader To Talk

Dr. Robert Bersi, assistant to the president at California State College, Dominguez Hills, will address a dinner meeting of the Torrance Jaycees tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Dr. Bersi has been assisting in the planning and development of the Dominguez Hills campus, which eventually will house some 20,000 students.

A GRADUATE of the University of the Pacific, Dr. Bersi received his bachelor's degree in economics. He earned a master's degree in speech theory and political public address at Stanford University.

While at the University of the Pacific, he served as president of the student body, won national honors in oratory and debate, and was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" upon graduation in 1953.

He earned his doctorate at Stanford University and served on the Stanford University staff before coming to Southern California in 1966.

IN ADDITION to his duties in the office of Dr. Leo F. Cain, president of the Dominguez Hills institution, Dr. Bersi is an assistant professor of English-speech in the School of Humanities and Fine Arts.

He has written and spoken extensively about higher education and is the author of a weekly column, "College Report," which appears in the Press-Herald. Dr. Bersi recently prepared and edited a new book on urban problems, "Shaping Our Environment." The book was an outgrowth of a National Conference on Environmental Problems and Urban Design and Beautification held on the Dominguez Hills campus in the summer of 1967.



LARRY BOWMAN Wins Lion's Award

## Lions to Honor Citizen of Year

Attorney Larry Bowman, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been honored by the West Torrance Lion's Club at its "Citizen of the Year" for 1967.

The award was announced by Wyndham Mooring, M. D., president of the West Torrance Lion's Club.

Presentation of the award will be made at noon tomorrow at a luncheon meeting to be held at the Indian Village Restaurant. The public has been invited to attend.

In addition to his duties as president of the Chamber, Bowman is chairman of the city's Charter Review Committee, a member of the Advisory Board of Little Company of Mary Hospital, and a member of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is chairman of the Tor-

rance Civil Service Commission, and a member of the local, state, and national bar associations.

He and his wife, Marie, are parents of two children. The family belongs to Nativity Church.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Bowman served in the Marine Corps. He is a graduate of Southwestern University School of Law.

### Capsules Found

Charges of possession of narcotics were lodged against a 19-year-old Torrance youth when police were called to a dance at the Grand Theater. Police said Fred Lee Hansen, 23124 Doris Way, was relieved of three gelatin capsules containing a white powdery substance and one red capsule containing the powder.

### PROFILE: HARRY GORMAN

## Financial Center Program His Major Responsibility

Harry Gorman is looking ahead to 1980. Hopefully, he says, the 200-acre Del Amo Financial Center will be completed no later than that year.

As manager of Del Amo Properties Co., Gorman spearheads a hectic day-by-day drive to coordinate the planning and construction of all new building in the center. With his goal of completion at least 10 years off, Gorman's life is an endless round of meetings with city officials, meetings with architects, management meetings, leasing meetings, and a "myriad" of paperwork.

Overseeing the operation of 27 oil wells scattered over the development site is also listed as one of his responsibilities. Perched on the fourth floor of the Ring Building, adjacent to the familiar Union Bank Tower, Gorman has a panoramic view of Mount Baldy on a clear day. One of his 27 oil wells pumps away almost directly below his office.

When completed, the Del Amo Financial Center will boast three towers and three ring buildings, several large department stores and mall shops east of Bullock's Fashion Square, and a restaurant-theater complex fronting on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Construction on the second tower and ring building will begin sometime this year, Gorman hopes. He recently authorized the firm of Victor Gruen and Associates to begin preliminary studies for this phase of the project.



Harry Gorman

A veteran real estate man, Gorman said the Torrance site was chosen for the mammoth project because his company "recognized the terrific growth" in the area.

"We think it's a real fine piece of property," Gorman stressed. "Torrance is the hub of the South Bay area and there's very little land in the vicinity with such a tremendous location."

Gorman said the development, bounded by Torrance Boulevard, Ocean Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard, and Madrona Avenue, is envisioned as an "integrated commercial-residential-office building complex." The Del Amo Shopping Center, while not owned by his company, is an impor-

tant complement to the total complex, he explained.

Gorman's 17-year career in real estate began after a short-lived stint as a junior high physical education teacher. Before going into the mortgage loan business with Robbins-Little Co., Gorman was a catcher for two years with the Cleveland Indian farm system.

Just prior to taking his current position two and a half years ago, Gorman ran his own real estate appraisal business.

The one-time teacher claims a life-long interest in sports. Born in Los Angeles, Gorman participated in basketball and baseball at L.A. High and USC. He's now a golf enthusiast, scoring in the 80s at Fox Hills Country Club.

Between golf and job responsibilities, Gorman, manages to find time to be with his wife Phyllis, and their two daughters and two sons: The kids are Tracy, 10; Terry, 8; Mike, 6; and Casey, 5. The family home is in Westchester.

A Delta Tau Delta from college days, Gorman now serves as treasurer of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and holds membership in Torrance Kiwanis and the Elks Lodge of Westchester.

Boy Scouting is another of Gorman's community activities. He's a member of the South Bay District Council—signed up as chairman of the 1968 Boy Scout Parade scheduled for February in Hermosa Beach.